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SUBJECT: GENERAL MOTORS LOCOMOTIVE SALE

REF: NAIROBI 9789

1. SITUATION REGARDING CANCELLATION OF LETTERS OF INTENT FOR PURCHASE OF ROLLING STOCK AND LOCOMOTIVES CONTINUES UNRESOLVED. BANKERS, COMPANIES, CONCERNED EMBASSIES, AND PRESS, HAVE ALL FAILED TO DETERMINE PRECISE KENYAN REASONING BEHIND THE UNEXPECTED CANCELLATION. DECISION WAS APPARENTLY MADE AT HIGH LEVEL AND IS BEING CLOSELY HELD.

2. GM REP IS STAYING HERE ON INDICATION THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY RESUME. GM HAS NOT RECEIVED DIRECT NOTICE OF CANCELLATION AND MOST REPORTS INDICATE GM POSITION IS RELATIVELY FIRM, IF GOK SHOULD RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON SOME CONTRACTS WHILE IGNORING OTHERS.

3. REPORTEDLY A NEW TENDER COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED, CONSISTING OF DIRECTOR GENERAL, EAST AFRICAN RAILWAYS CORPORATION; KENYA REGIONAL MANAGER, EARC; AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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4. NO NEW TENDERS WILL BE INVITED BUT OLD TENDERS
WILL BE REVIEWED. DISCLOSURE OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
TO MINISTER OF POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS, OKERO, MAY BE
DELAYED AS HE IS LEADING KENYAN DELEGATION TO COMMONWEALTH
PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE IN MAURITIUS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH.

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